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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF
ARTICLES AND CREW LIST

REF: A. STATE 281414; B. 7 FAM 514.2 AND 525.6; C. 46 CFR 66-67

1. THROUGH BILL OF SALE SIGNED BEFORE NOTARY PUBLIC OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, IN OCTOBER 1975, GALVESTIN HISTORICAL FOUNDATION INC., A NON-PROFIT CHARITABLE CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, BECAME OWNER OF BARK ELISSA, OF 427.72 GROSS TONS 316.95 REGISTERED TONS, 149'6" LENGTH, 27'11" BEAM, AND 14'6" DEPTH. BUILT IN ABERDEEN, SCOTLAND IN 1877, IT WAS USED COMMERCIALY BY PREVIOUS OWNERS AS FREIGHTER AND IS CURRENTLY LISTED IN THE LLOYDS REGISTER UNDER NO. 5072060. (COPIES OF BILL OF SALE AND PROVISIONAL BRITISH REGISTRY BEING FORWARDED BY POUCH.

2. INTENDED RESTORATION OF THE VESSEL TO ITS ORIGINAL STATE AS A FLOATING MUSEUM NECESSITATED REBUILDING OF VESSEL WITH NEW MATERIALS DONATED BY PATRONS IN THE U.S. REFITTING IS UNDER SUPERVISION OF FOUNDATION EMPLOYEES MECHAEL CREAMER AND WALTER RYPKA AND UNDER SURVEILLANCE BY LLOYDS.

3. RESTORATION IS CURRENTLY BEING CARRIED OUT AT GREEK SHIP-
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YARD IN PERAMA, PIRAEUS, GREECE. GIVEN EXTENSIVE WORK REQUIRED, THE VESSEL IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE ABLE TO SAIL TO U.S. EARLIER THAN DECEMBER, 1978.

4. IN ADDITION TO SUPERVISOR AND HIS ASSISTANT, WHO ARE BOTH QUALIFIED ABLE SEAMEN, WORK FORCE CONSISTS OF LOCAL LABOR AND FIVE AMERICAN TECHNICIANS WHO DO NOT HAVE SEAMAN'S DOCUMENTS.

ALTHOUGH TECHNICIANS HAVE THUS FAR WORKED ON VESSEL WITHOUT WORK PERMITS FROM GREEK AUTHORITIES, IT IS QUESTIONABLE WHETHER THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE WITOUT WORK PERMITS AND UNLIKELY THAT WILL BE GRNATED WORK PERMITS BY GREEK GOVERNMENT. TO CIRCUMVENT THIS PROBLEM. FOUNDATION REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL CREAMER HAS REQUESTED ISSUANCE OF ARTICLES AND CREW LIST, WITH TECHNICIANS BEING LISTED AS CREW MEMBERS.

5. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF. A. EMBASSY HAS ISSUED CERTIFICATE OF AMERICAN OWNERSHIP IN NAME OF FOUNDATION TO ASSIST VESSEL'S OWNERS IN CLEARING RESTORATION MATERIALS THROUGH GREEK CUSTOMS.

6. IN VIEW OF ABOVE ACTION AND FOUNDATION'S REQUEST FOR A PROVISIONAL REGISTRY FOR THE VESSEL AND PERMISSION TO SIGN ON FIVE AMERICAN TECHNICIANS AS CREW MEMBERS ON BOARD VESSEL, EMBASSY REQUESTS OPINION OF DEPARTMENT AND OF COSAST GUARD ON WHETHER PROVISIONAL REGISTRY AMY BE ISSUED AT THIS STAGE OF VESSEL'S REPAIR WORK, AND IF THIS IS POSSIBLE, WHETHER U.S. CITIZEN TECHNICIANS MAY BE INCLUDED ON ARTICLES AND LISTED AS REGULAR CREW MEMBERS. IF ANSWERS ARE AFFIRMATIVE, EMBASSY REQUESTS COAST GUARD TO FURNISH NECESSARY DOCUMENT FORMS (PROVISIONAL REGISTRY, ARTICLES, ETC.). DOCUMENTS MAY BE SENT TO AMERICAN EMBASSY APO NEW YORK 09253, ATTN: CONSULAR OFFICER, SCS.
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